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Delta Stewardship Council Focused Work Session Announcement:

- **Delta Plan Success and Performance Measures**
- **Covered Actions and Governance**
- **Economic Sustainability Plan and Delta as an Evolving Place**
- **Finance Plan**

The Delta Stewardship Council invites the public to participate in focused work sessions on **Delta Plan Success and Performance Measures, Covered Actions and Governance, Economic Sustainability Plan and Delta as an Evolving Place, and Finance Plan** in support of development of the Delta Plan.

Dates	Times	Topics
September 15, 2011	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Delta Plan Success and Performance Measures
	1-4 p.m.	Covered Actions & Governance
September 19, 2011	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Economic Sustainability Plan and Delta as an Evolving Place
September 20, 2011	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Finance Plan

Location: 980 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA
Second Floor Meeting Rooms

The work sessions are an opportunity for improving understanding about the content of the Fifth Staff Draft Delta Plan, and for structured discussion about information or perspectives that are responsive to the work session topics and questions. Work sessions will be supported by a professional facilitator, and will be attended by one or more representatives of the Council Staff and Delta Plan team.

The work sessions are **not** intended for general public comments on the Fifth Staff Draft. General comments should be submitted to the Council by Sept. 30, 2011 in accordance with directions provided in the Fifth Staff Draft.

The facilitator will prepare one or more meeting summaries for these sessions that will be posted on the Council's web page.

The Council plans to have a conference line available for participation, subject to technical requirements. Members of the public who choose to call in will have an opportunity to listen to the discussion at each work session and provide input at a specific point(s) during each session. This process will be managed based on specific meeting guidelines by the facilitator. The call-in number will be posted on the Council web page.

"Coequal goals" means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place."

– State Water Code §85054

Preliminary Description of Topics and Questions for Work Sessions

The following are preliminary descriptions of topics and questions for each planned work session:

Topic: Fifth Staff Draft Delta Plan— Success and Performance Measures ***(Sept. 15, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.)***

1. A Successful Delta Plan

Council staff will review the section of the draft plan entitled, *What the Delta Plan will Achieve by 2100* [see p. 24 of the fifth Staff Draft].

The questions to be addressed are:

- What specific comments or input do you have about this approach to describing a successful Delta Plan?

2. Performance Measures for the Delta Plan-- Fifth Staff Draft

Council staff will lead a review of the performance measures for Chapters 4-8.

The questions to be addressed are:

- Looking at each chapter, are these the right performance measures?
- Which performance measures should be treated as priorities and why?
- What gaps, if any, exist in the performance measures for each of the chapters?
- What specific suggestions do you have for improving the proposed performance measures in each chapter?

Background materials:

- Fifth Staff Draft Delta Plan, Chapters 4-8, Performance Measures for each chapter

Topic: Fifth Staff Draft Delta Plan—Covered Actions and Governance ***(Sept. 15, 1 to 4 p.m.)***

1. Regulatory Aspects of Covered Actions

Council staff will review the regulatory aspects of the Delta Plan that apply to “covered actions,” including the definition of a “covered action” in the Fifth Staff Draft and the six-way decision tree. Staff will also review the contents of drafts of three forms designed to help with filing certifications and appeals: a Certification form, a Checklist, and an Appeal form. These forms will be posted on the Council website by Sept. 14 and available at the meeting.

These questions will be the focus of discussion:

- What specific questions do you have related to the definition of covered actions or the decision tree?
- What specific recommendations do you have for each of the three draft forms?

2. Agency Coordination Committee

The Delta Reform Act §85204 states that the “council shall establish and oversee a committee of agencies responsible for implementing the Delta Plan. Each agency shall coordinate its actions pursuant to the Delta Plan with the Council and the other relevant agencies.”

These questions will be the focus of discussion:

- What examples of past inter-agency efforts should the Council consider in establishing this committee, either for strengths or shortcomings?
 - Possible examples: Bay Delta Oversight Council; Bay Delta Authority; Agency Coordination Team (ACT); and Club Fed.
- What are useful models for the Council to consider in determining how to exercise its oversight role through this committee?
- What are potential criteria to determine participation in this committee?

3. Potential role for a stakeholder advisory group to the Council

These questions will be the focus of discussion:

- a. Should a separate stakeholder advisory group to the Council be formed? Why or why not?
- b. What would be the purpose for such a group?
- c. Would such a standing group be more useful than the formation of issue-specific stakeholder work groups such as those established as part of the current process for developing the Delta Plan?
- d. How would/should such a group be related to the committee of agencies required by law?

Background materials:

- Fifth Staff Draft Delta Plan Chapter 3

*Topic: Fifth Staff Draft Delta Plan –
Economic Sustainability Plan and Delta as an Evolving Place*
(Sept. 19, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.)

This work session will cover the role of the *Economic Sustainability Plan* being prepared by the Delta Protection Commission and the relationship of that plan to Chapters 7 and 8 of the Fifth Staff Draft. Council staff will provide an update about steps to coordinate with the DPC in development of the ESP.

These questions will be the focus of discussion:

1. What specific steps can the Council take in the next five years [prior to the next review of the Delta Plan] to support:
 - Agriculture
 - Recreation and tourism
 - Natural resources
 - Risk reduction including investments in levees or bypasses, preparedness, response and other measures?
2. What additional measures can the Council include in the Delta Plan that are consistent with the coequal goals and that will address the legislative direction regarding Delta as an evolving place?

Background materials:

- Fifth Staff Draft Delta Plan Chapters 7, 8

Topic: Fifth Staff Draft Delta Plan—Finance Plan
(Sept. 20, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.)

Council staff will summarize the framework approach to finance in Chapter 9 of the Fifth Staff Draft.

These questions will be the focus of discussion:

- What is your preferred approach to addressing finance issues in the Delta Plan, and why?
- How would your preferred approach differ from the framework in the Fifth Staff Draft?
- What alternatives should the Council consider as it develops the next draft?
- What specific input do you have regarding recommendations in the current draft?

Background materials:

- Fifth Staff Draft Delta Plan Chapter 9

Written Responses

Written responses to any of the questions identified in this announcement for the work sessions are welcome.

- Written responses will be accepted by Council staff at each work session.
- Written responses received by Council Staff not later than the close of the comment period for the Fifth Staff Draft on September 30, 2011 will be considered along with other public comments in development of the Sixth Staff Draft Delta Plan.

General background information:

August 2, 2011 Fifth Staff Draft Delta Plan, available online at:

[http://www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/Fifth Staff Draft Delta Plan 080211.pdf](http://www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/Fifth%20Staff%20Draft%20Delta%20Plan%20080211.pdf)

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